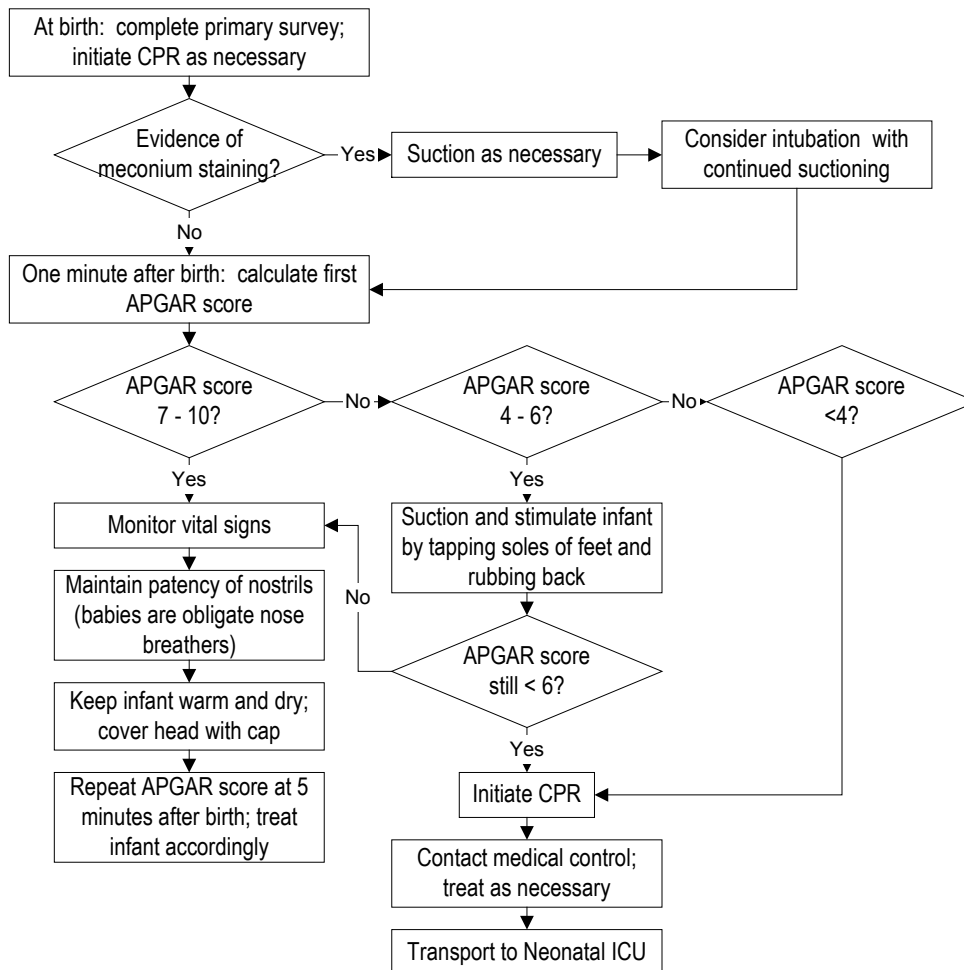


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
NEWBORN CARE AND
ASSESSMENT**

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Purpose:	Indications:
To assess and care for a newborn infant	Newborn infant



APGAR SCORE

CRITERIA	0 POINTS	1 POINT	2 POINTS
Appearance (color)	Cyanotic	Body pink, extremities cyanotic	Pink
Pulse	Absent	< 100/minute	>100/minute
Grimace (response to suctioning)	None	Weak	Vigorous
Activity (muscle tone)	Limp	Weak	Vigorous
Respiratory Effort	None	Slow, irregular	Strong, crying

NOTES:

- If it's necessary to position the newborn on the back, pad the shoulders to prevent airway obstruction.
- If newborn's pulse is less than 80, begin chest compressions at 100/minute.
- The umbilical vein should be used for IV access if needed.